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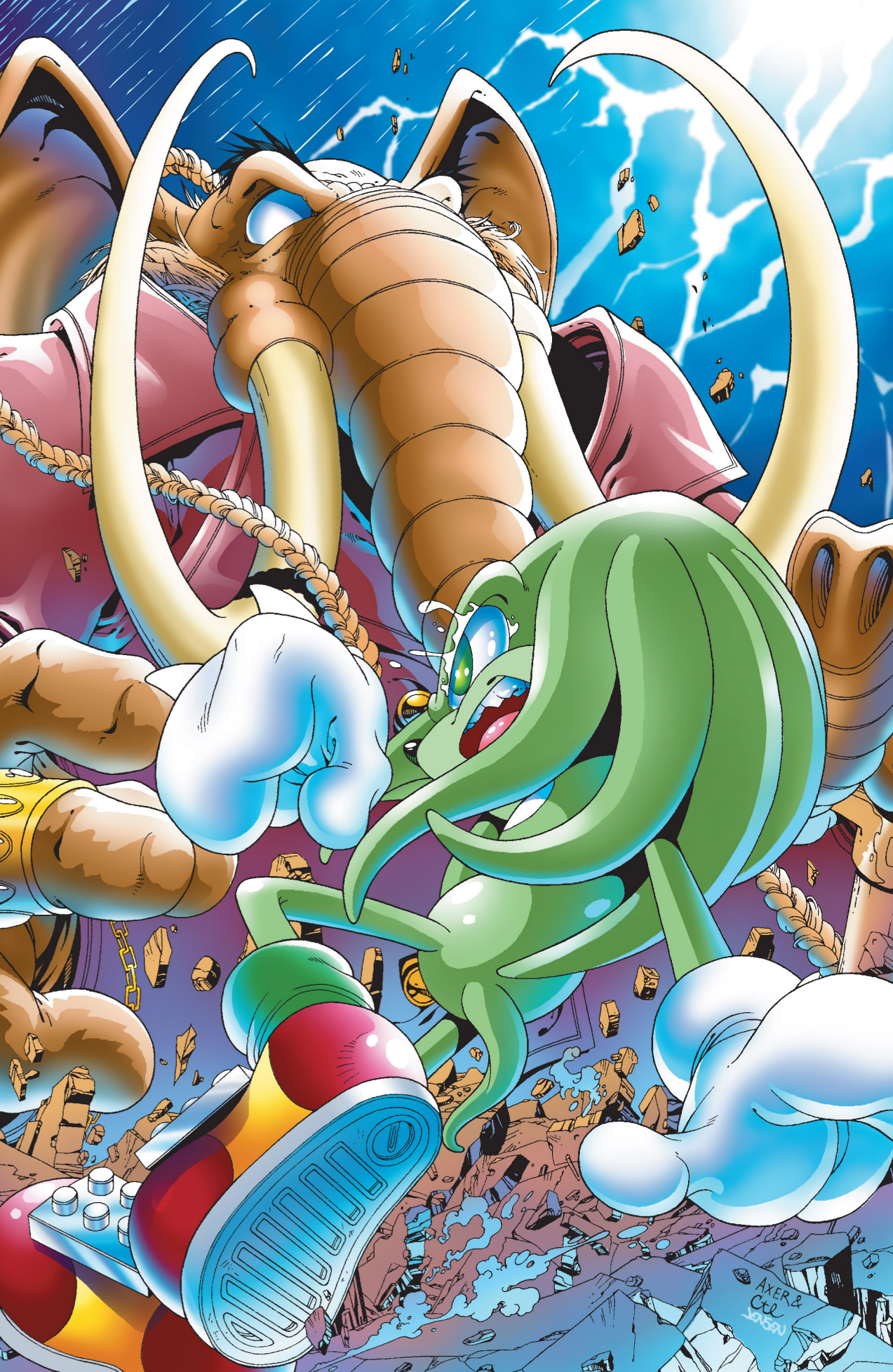
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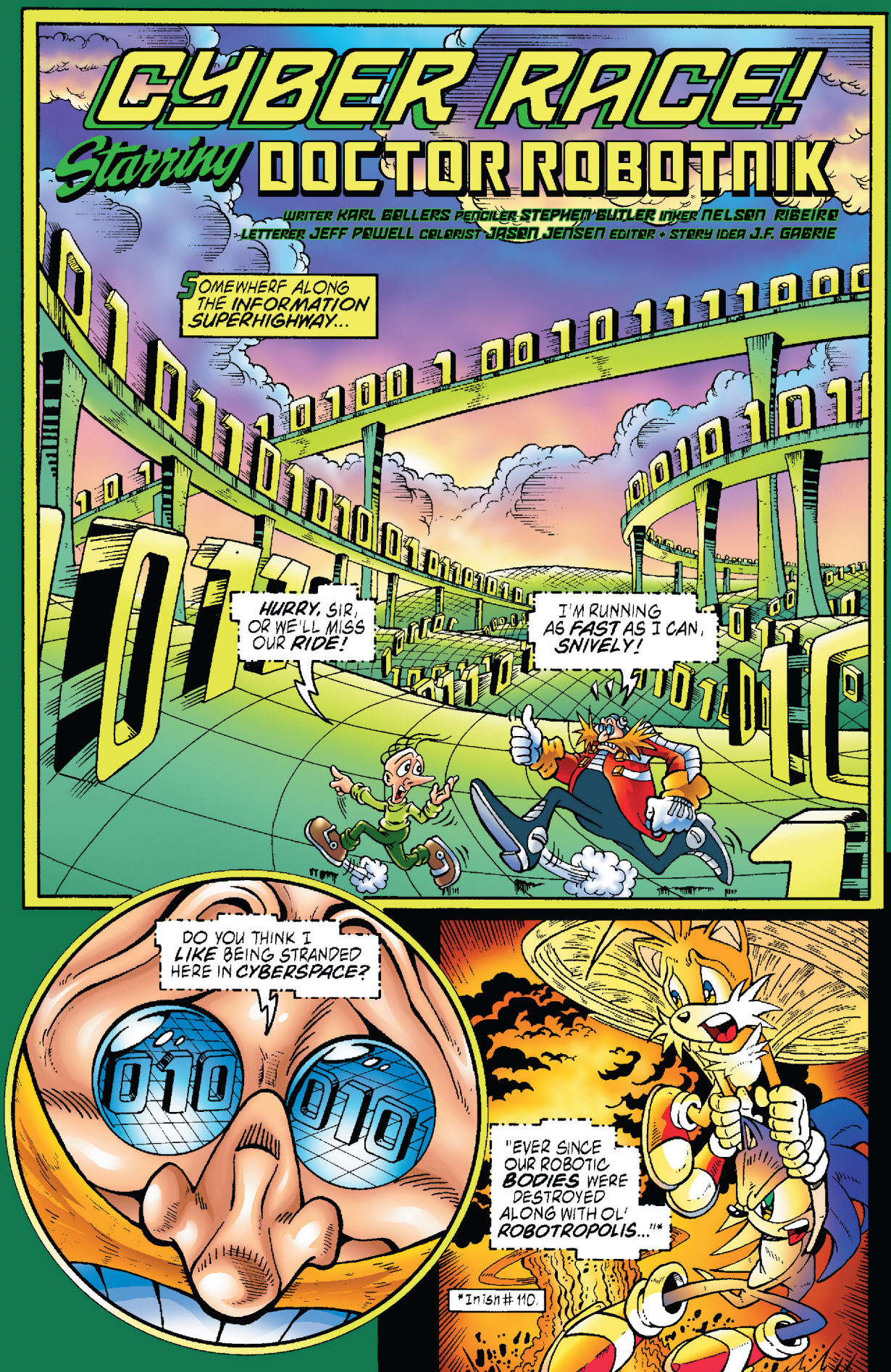
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SOMEWHERE ALONG THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY...
HURRY, SIR, OR WE'LL MISS OUR RIDE!
I'M RUNNING AS FAST AS I CAN, SNIVELY!
DO YOU THINK I LIKE BEING STRANDED HERE IN CYBERSPACE?
"EVER SINCE OUR ROBOTIC BODIES WERE DESTROYED ALONG WITH OL' ROBOTROPOLIS..."*
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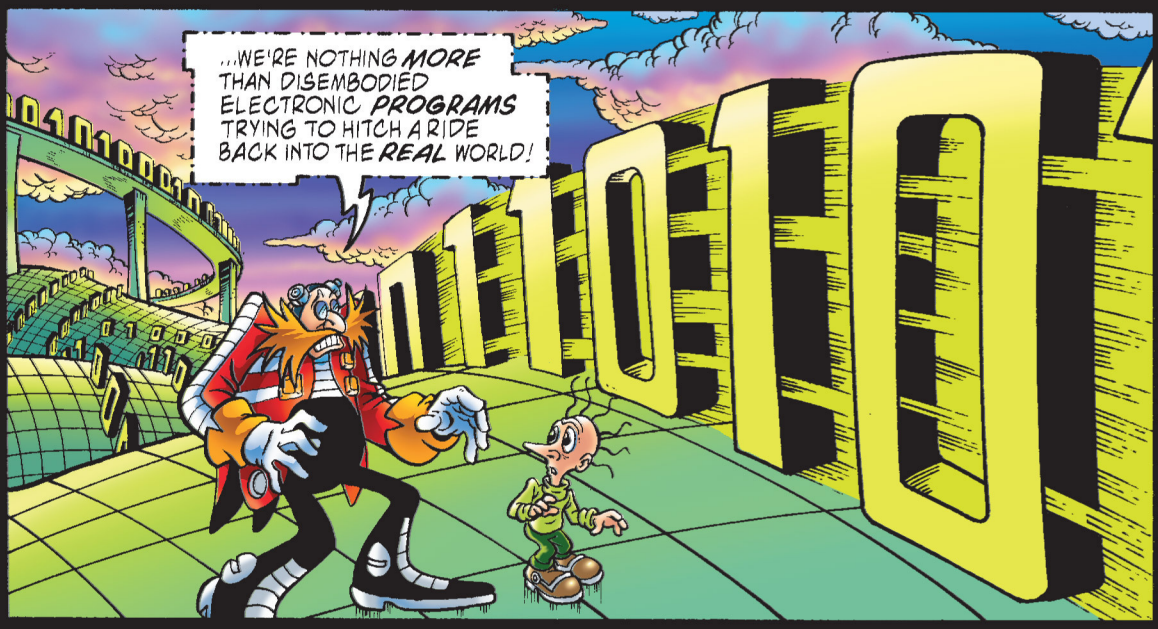
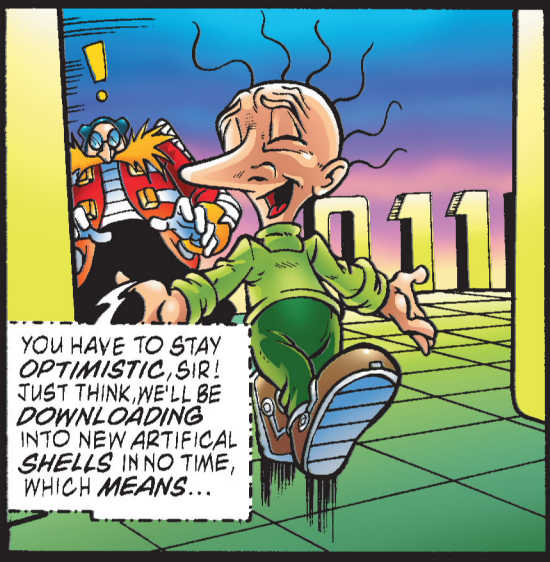
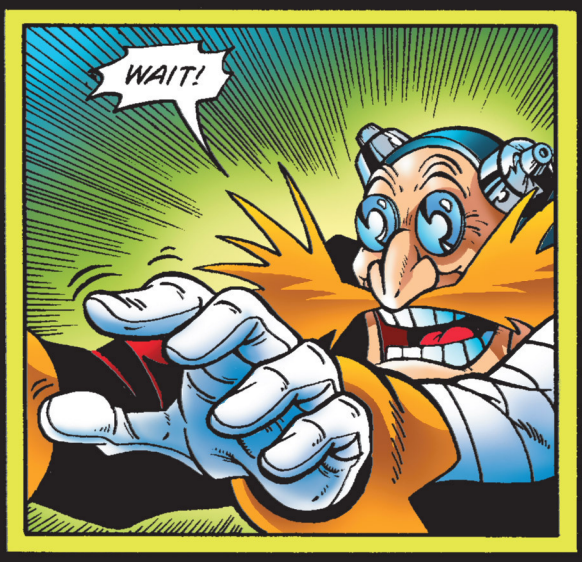
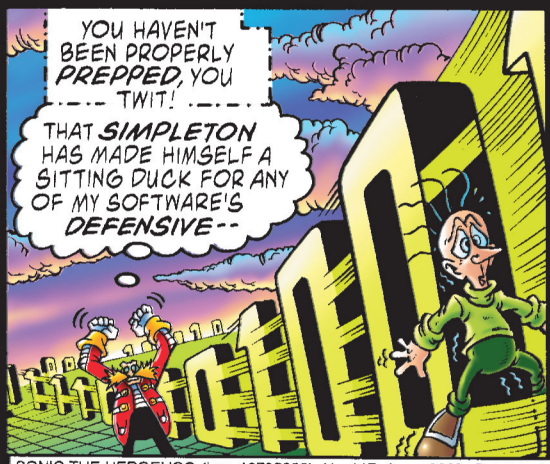
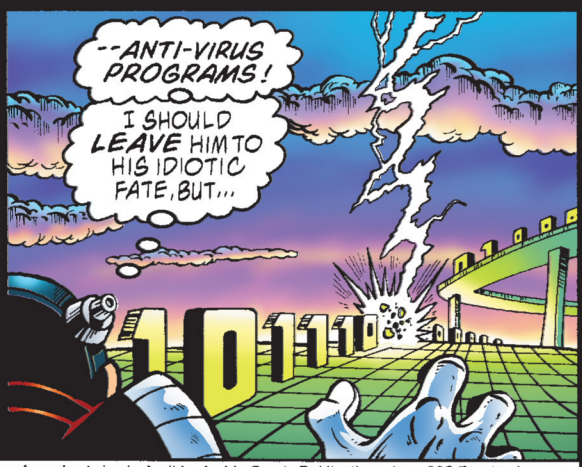







YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PROPERLY PREPPED, YOU TWIT!
THAT SIMPLETON HAS MADE HIMSELF A SITTING DUCK FOR ANY OF MY SOFTWARE'S DEFENSIVE--



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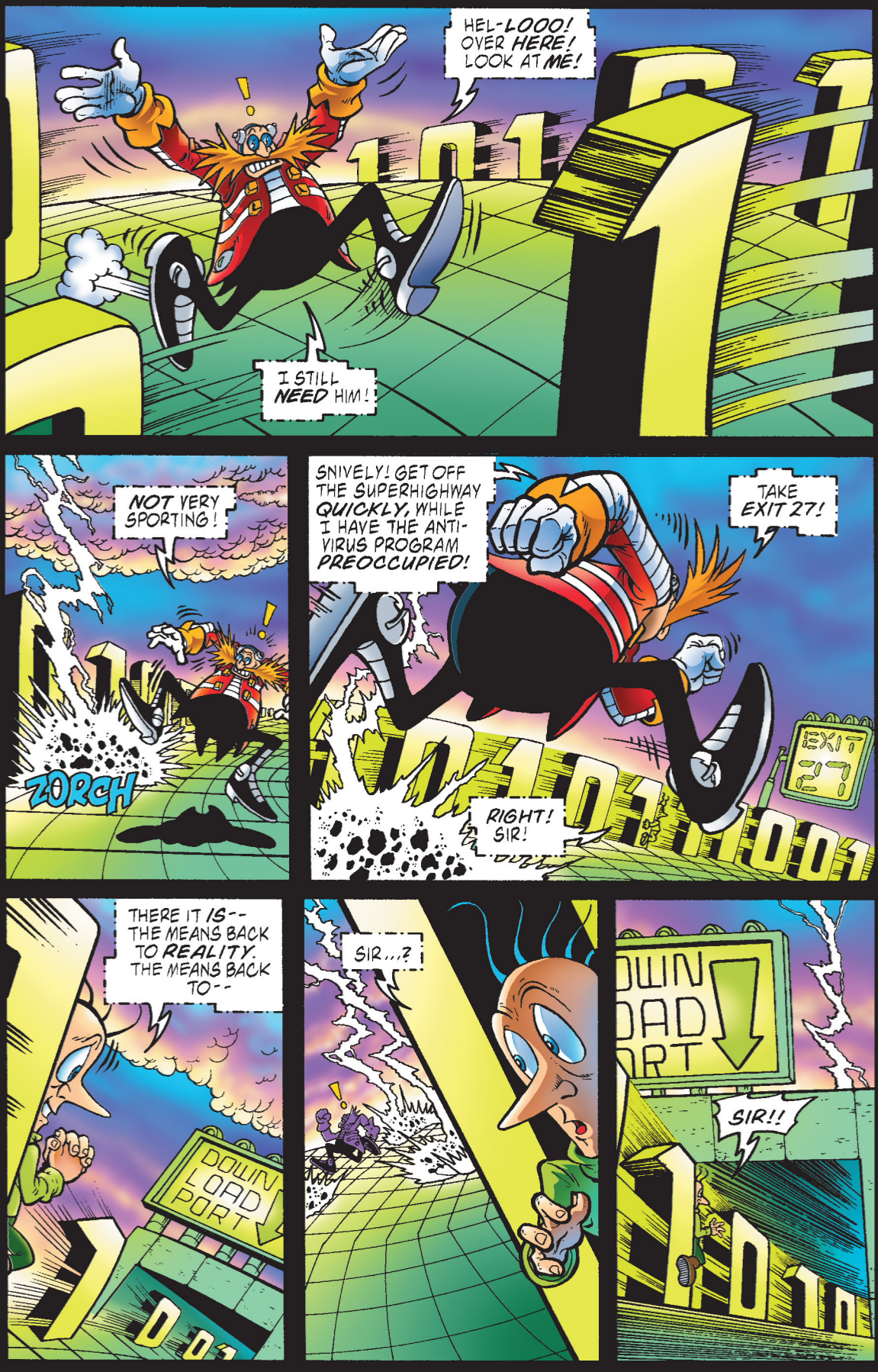
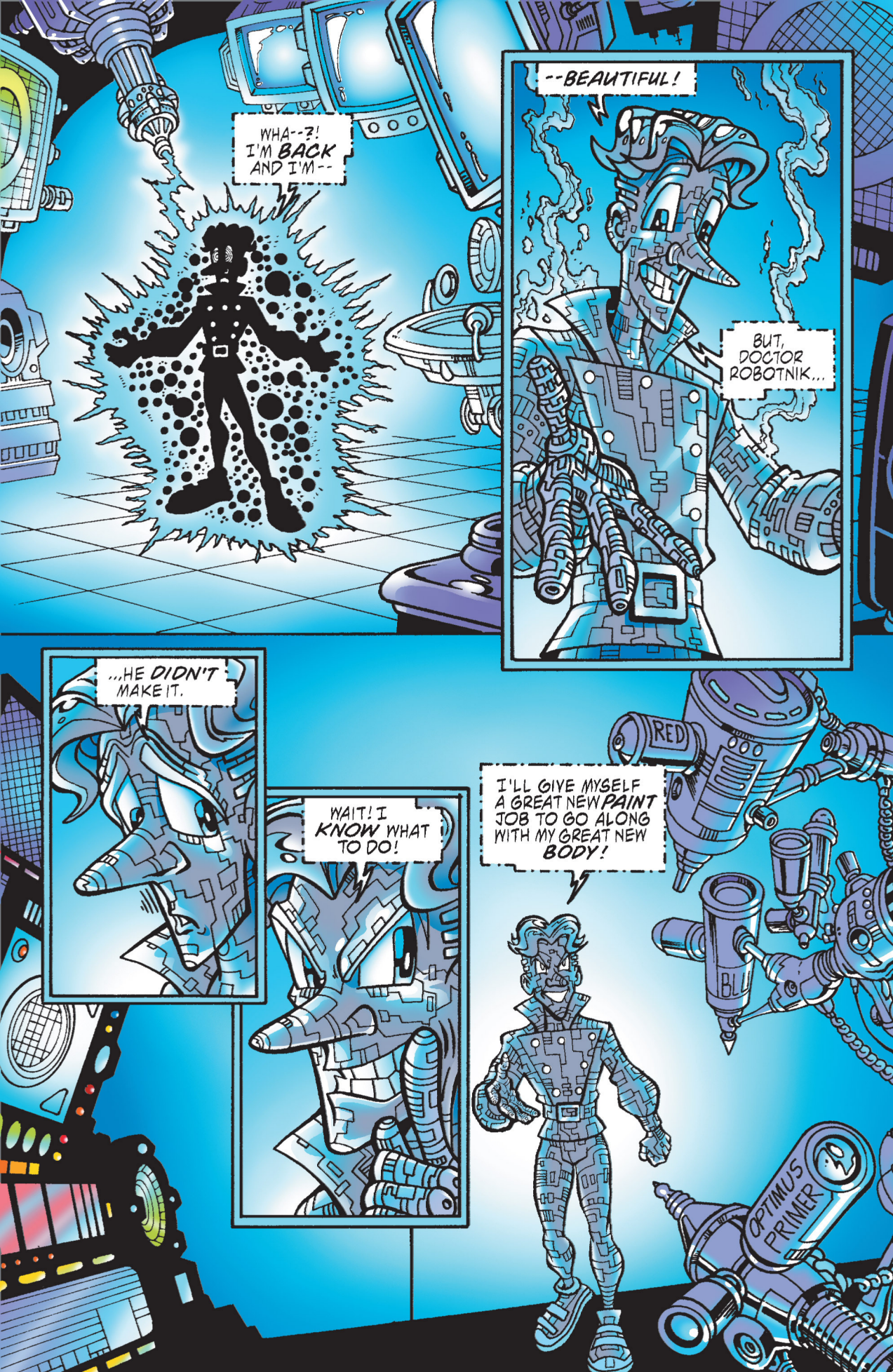
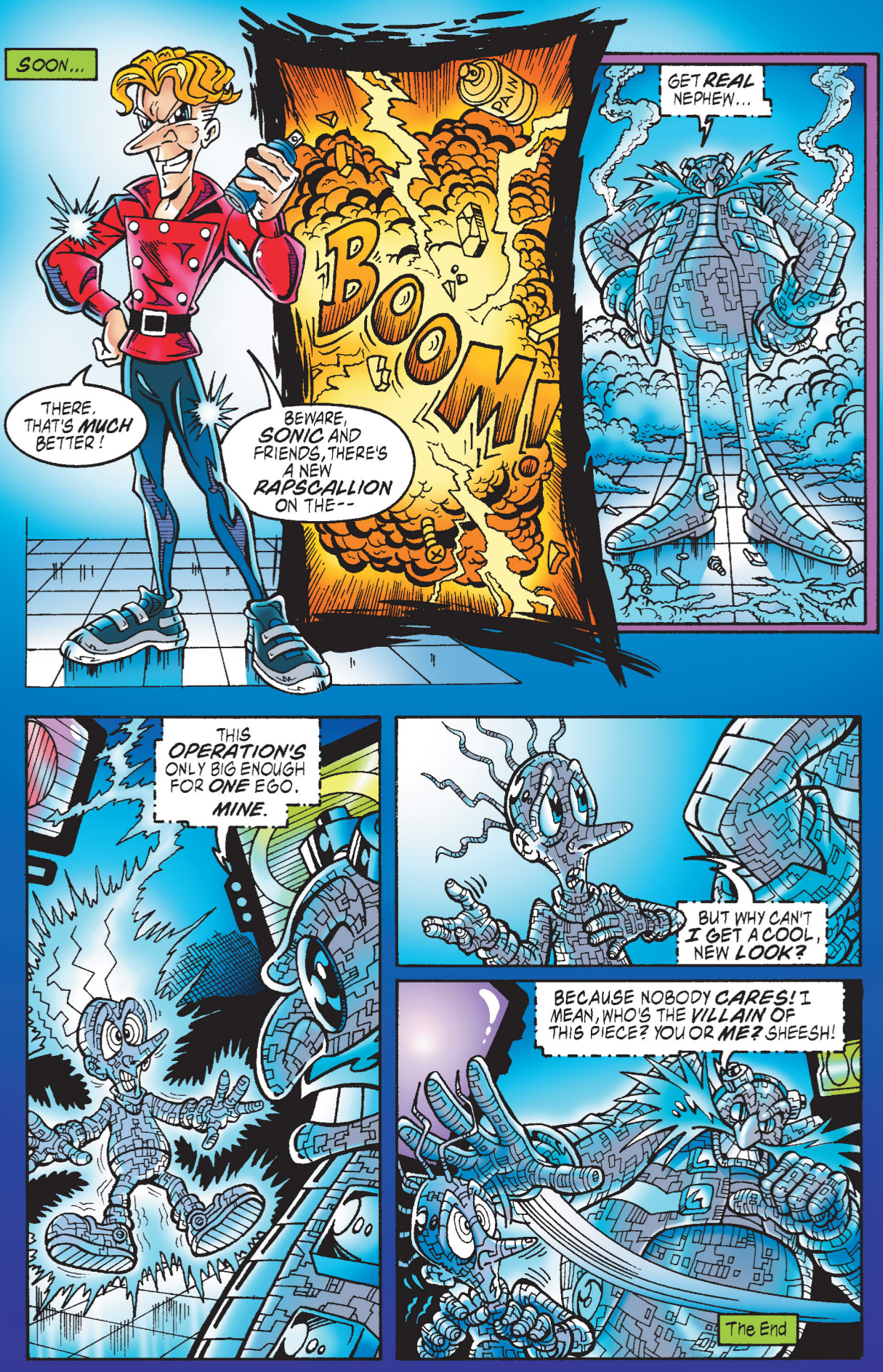
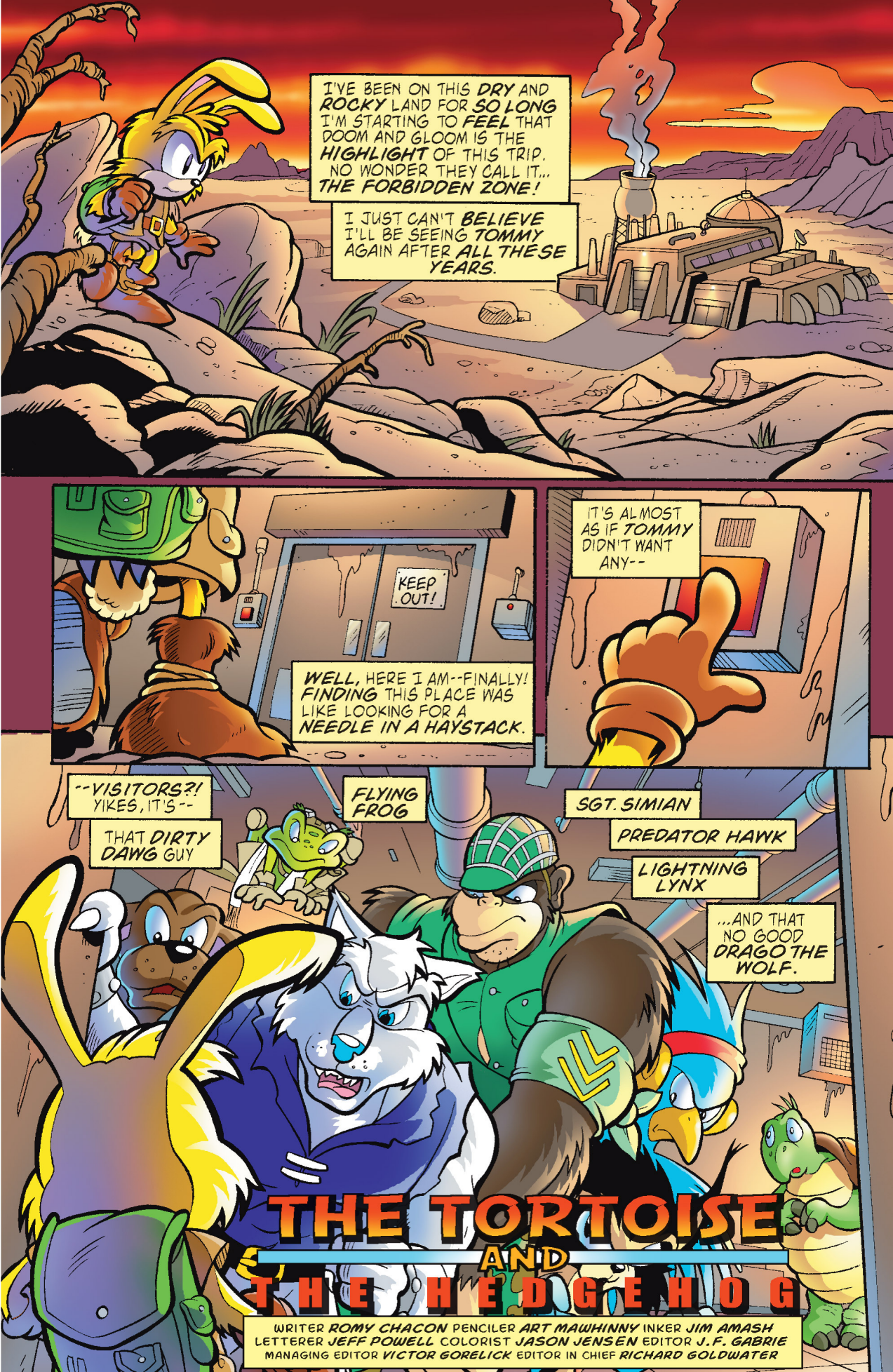

HEL-LOOO! OVER HERE! LOOK AT ME!
I STILL NEED HIM!
NOT VERY SPORTING!
ZORCH
SNIVELY! GET OFF THE SUPERHIGHWAY QUICKLY, WHILE I HAVE THE ANTI-VIRUS PROGRAM PREOCCUPIED!
TAKE EXIT 27!
EXIT 27
RIGHT! SIR!
THERE IT IS-- THE MEANS BACK TO REALITY. THE MEANS BACK TO--
DOWN LOAD PORT
SIR...?
SIR!!


WHA--?! I'M BACK AND I'M--
--BEAUTIFUL!
BUT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
...HE DIDN'T MAKE IT.
WAIT! I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
I'LL GIVE MYSELF A GREAT NEW PAINT JOB TO GO ALONG WITH MY GREAT NEW BODY!
RED
BLU
OPTIMUS PRIMER


SOON...
THERE, THAT'S MUCH BETTER!
BEWARE, SONIC AND FRIENDS, THERE'S A NEW RAPSCALLION ON THE--
BOOM!
GET REAL NEPHEW...
THIS OPERATION'S ONLY BIG ENOUGH FOR ONE EGO. MINE.
BUT WHY CAN'T I GET A COOL, NEW LOOK?
BECAUSE NOBODY CARES! I MEAN, WHO'S THE VILLAIN OF THIS PIECE? YOU OR ME? SHEESH!
The End


I'VE BEEN ON THIS DRY AND ROCKY LAND FOR SO LONG I'M STARTING TO FEEL THAT DOOM AND GLOOM IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS TRIP. NO WONDER THEY CALL IT... THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE I'LL BE SEEING TOMMY AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.
KEEP OUT!
WELL, HERE I AM--FINALLY! FINDING THIS PLACE WAS LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.
IT'S ALMOST AS IF TOMMY DIDN'T WANT ANY--
--VISITORS?! YIKES, IT'S--
THAT DIRTY DAWG GUY
FLYING FROG
SGT. SIMIAN
PREDATOR HAWK
LIGHTNING LYNX
...AND THAT NO GOOD DRAGO THE WOLF.
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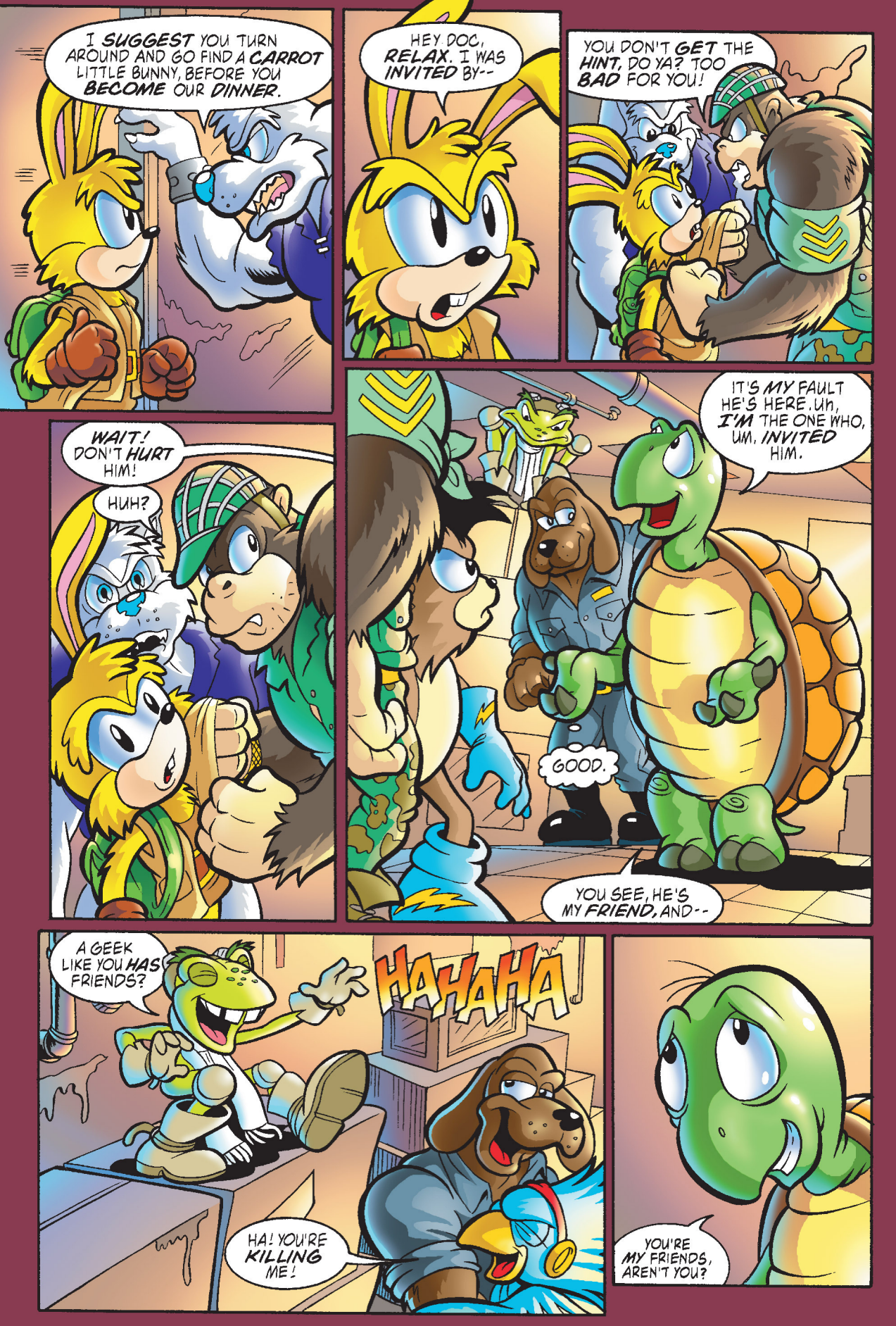
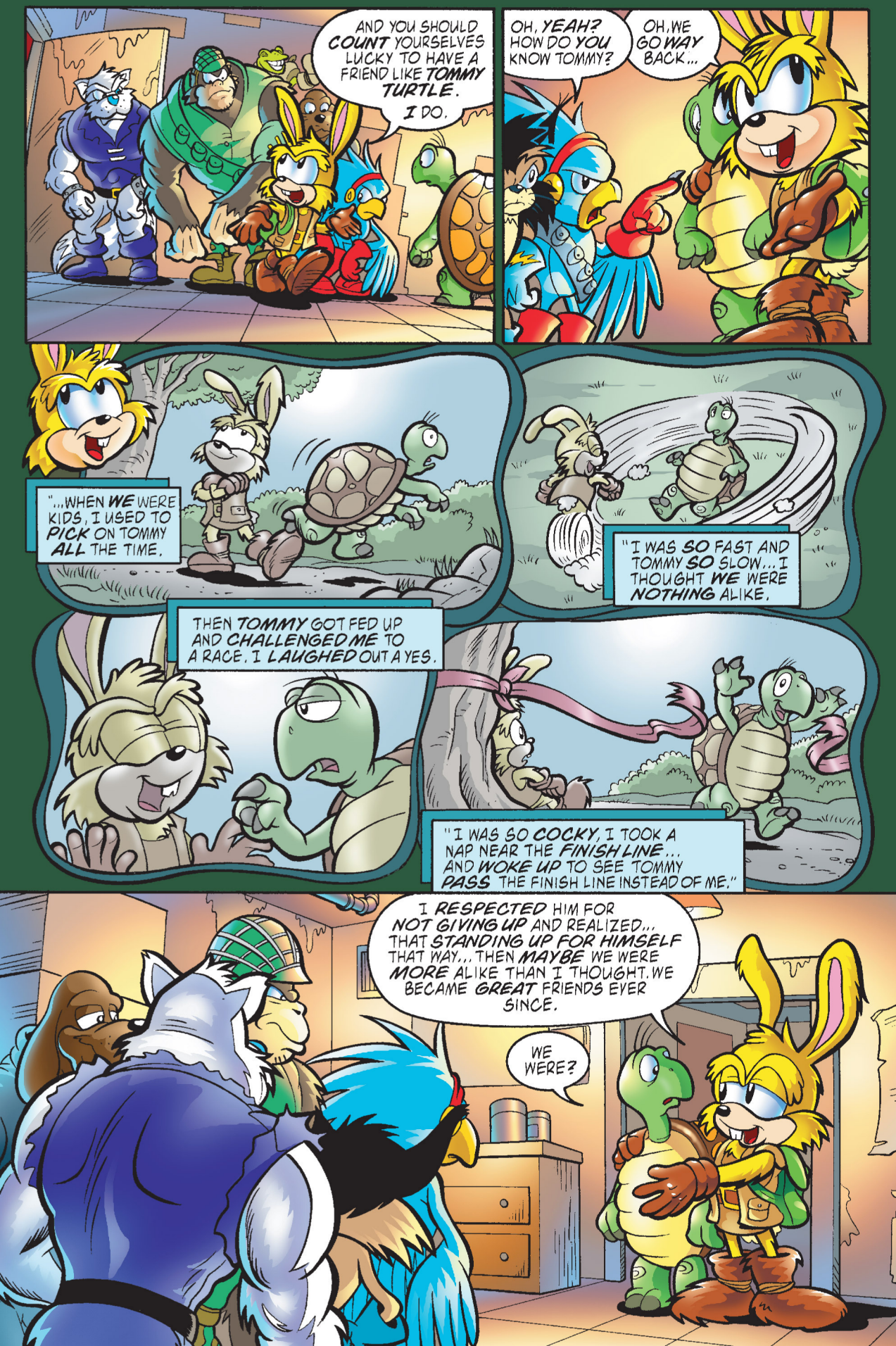
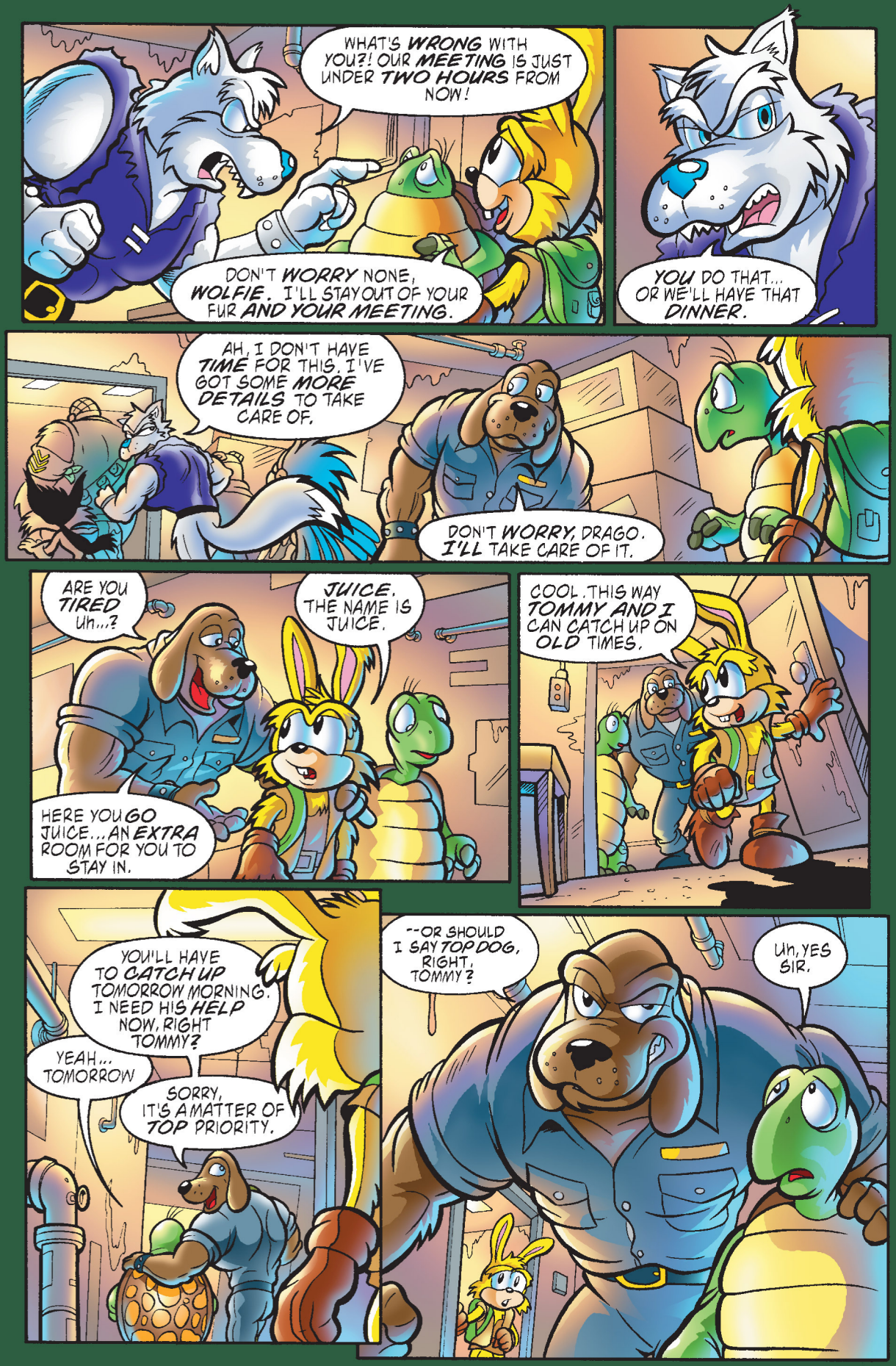
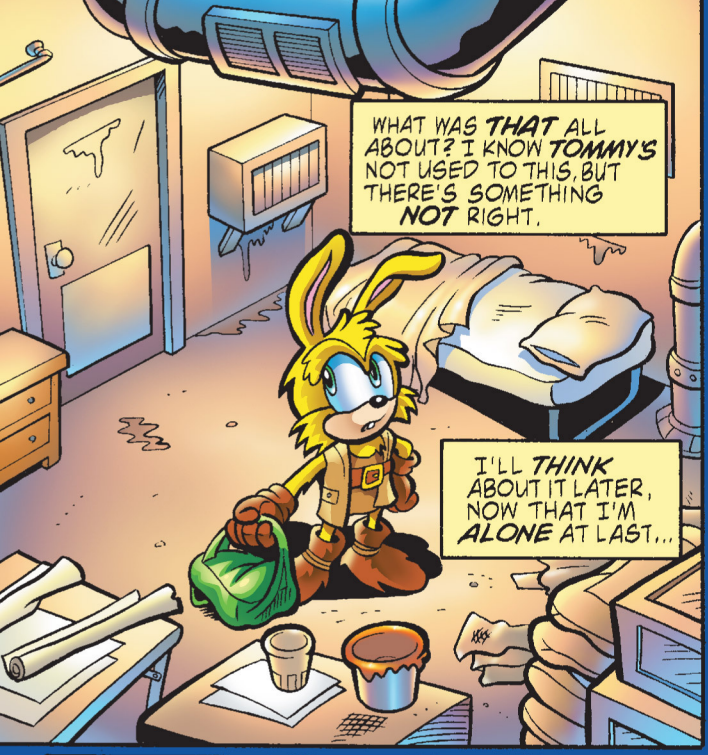
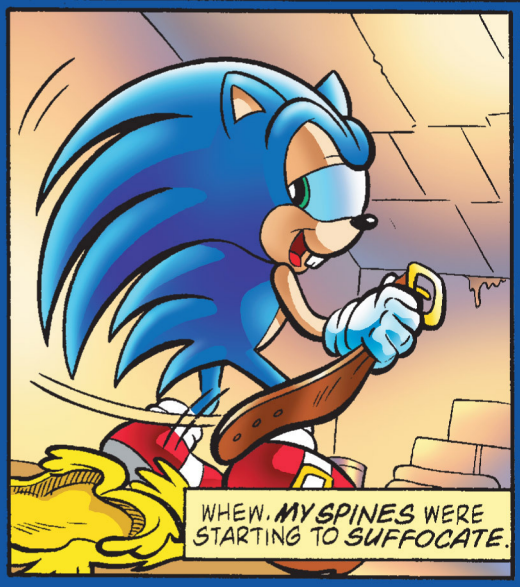

I SUGGEST YOU TURN AROUND AND GO FIND A CARROT LITTLE BUNNY, BEFORE YOU BECOME OUR DINNER.
HEY DOC, RELAX. I WAS INVITED BY--
YOU DON'T GET THE HINT, DO YA? TOO BAD FOR YOU!
WAIT! DON'T HURT HIM!
HUH?
IT'S MY FAULT HE'S HERE. Uh, I'M THE ONE WHO, um, INVITED HIM.
GOOD.
YOU SEE, HE'S MY FRIEND, AND--
A GEEK LIKE YOU HAS FRIENDS?
HAHAHA
HA! YOU'RE KILLING ME!
YOU'RE MY FRIENDS, AREN'T YOU?

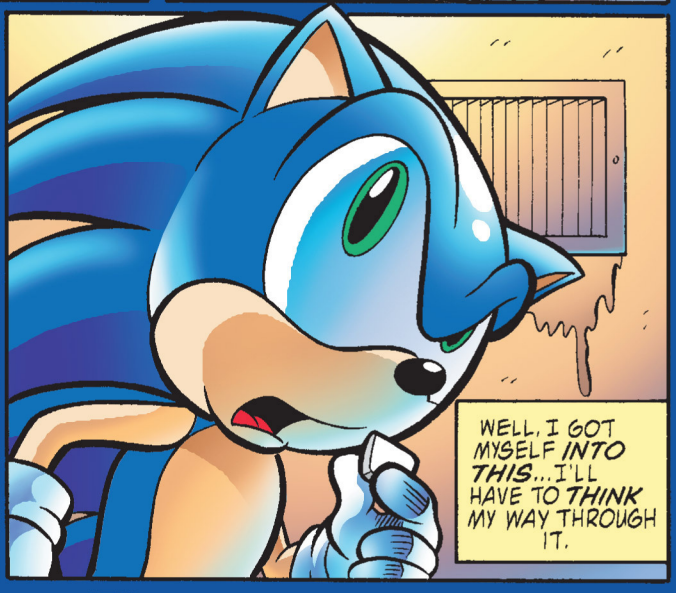

AND YOU SHOULD COUNT YOURSELVES LUCKY TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE TOMMY TURTLE.
I DO.
OH, YEAH? HOW DO YOU KNOW TOMMY?
OH, WE GO WAY BACK...
"...WHEN WE WERE KIDS, I USED TO PICK ON TOMMY ALL THE TIME.
"I WAS SO FAST AND TOMMY SO SLOW... I THOUGHT WE WERE NOTHING ALIKE.
THEN TOMMY GOT FED UP AND CHALLENGED ME TO A RACE. I LAUGHED OUT A YES.
"I WAS SO COCKY, I TOOK A NAP NEAR THE FINISH LINE... AND WOKE UP TO SEE TOMMY PASS THE FINISH LINE INSTEAD OF ME."
I RESPECTED HIM FOR NOT GIVING UP AND REALIZED... THAT STANDING UP FOR HIMSELF THAT WAY... THEN MAYBE WE WERE MORE ALIKE THAN I THOUGHT. WE BECAME GREAT FRIENDS EVER SINCE.
WE WERE?

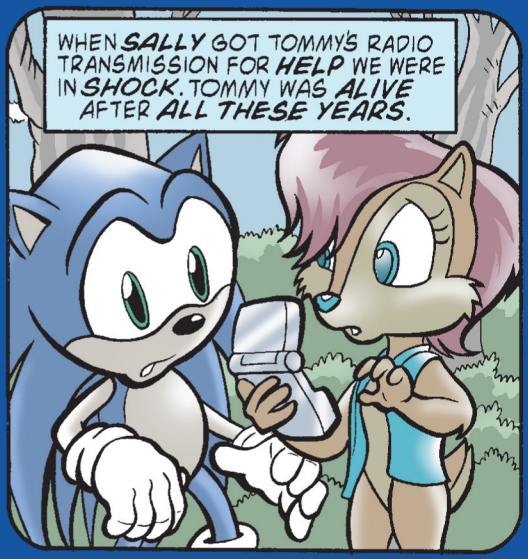

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! OUR MEETING IS JUST UNDER TWO HOURS FROM NOW!
DON'T WORRY NONE, WOLFIE. I'LL STAY OUT OF YOUR FUR AND YOUR MEETING.
YOU DO THAT... OR WE'LL HAVE THAT DINNER.
AH, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. I'VE GOT SOME MORE DETAILS TO TAKE CARE OF.
DON'T WORRY, DRAGO. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
ARE YOU TIRED Uh...?
JUICE. THE NAME IS JUICE.
HERE YOU GO JUICE... AN EXTRA ROOM FOR YOU TO STAY IN.
COOL. THIS WAY TOMMY AND I CAN CATCH UP ON OLD TIMES.
YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH UP TOMORROW MORNING. I NEED HIS HELP NOW, RIGHT TOMMY?
YEAH... TOMORROW
SORRY, IT'S A MATTER OF TOP PRIORITY.
--OR SHOULD I SAY TOP DOG, RIGHT, TOMMY?
Uh, YES SIR.

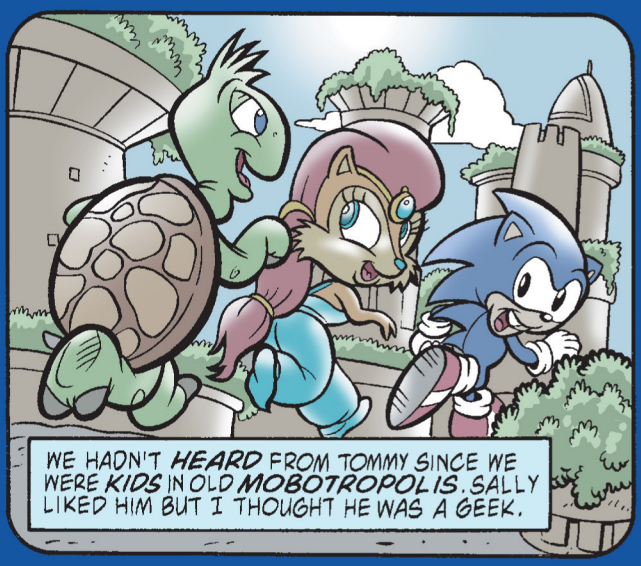

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT? I KNOW TOMMY'S NOT USED TO THIS, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING NOT RIGHT.
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT LATER, NOW THAT I'M ALONE AT LAST...

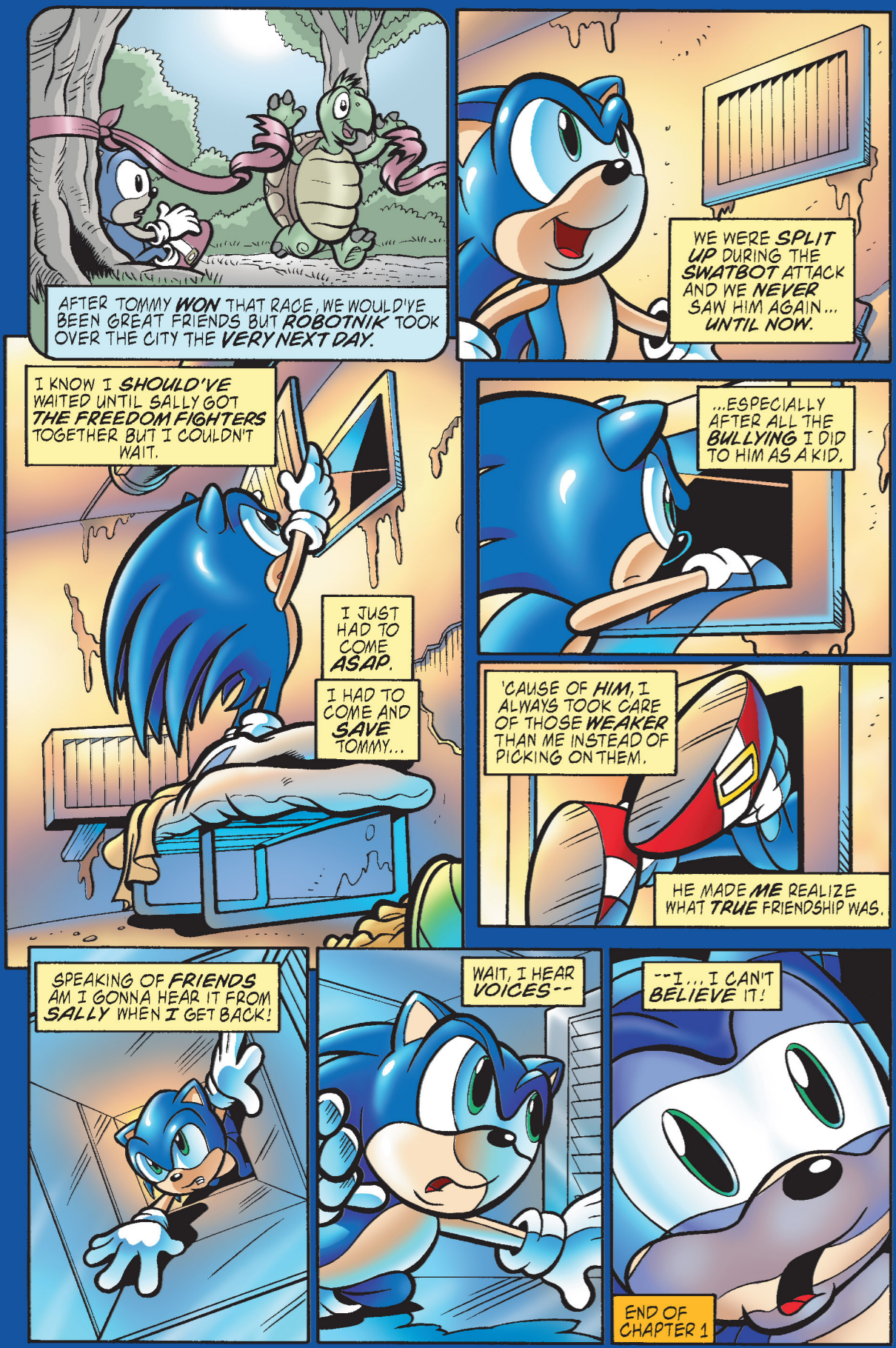
...I CAN FINALLY...
...TAKE THIS...
...OFF...


WHEW. MY SPINES WERE STARTING TO SUFFOCATE.


WELL, I GOT MYSELF INTO THIS... I'LL HAVE TO THINK MY WAY THROUGH IT.


WHEN SALLY GOT TOMMY'S RADIO TRANSMISSION FOR HELP WE WERE IN SHOCK. TOMMY WAS ALIVE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.


WE HADN'T HEARD FROM TOMMY SINCE WE WERE KIDS IN OLD MOBOTROPOLIS. SALLY LIKED HIM BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS A GEEK.


AFTER TOMMY WON THAT RACE, WE WOULD'VE BEEN GREAT FRIENDS BUT ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER THE CITY THE VERY NEXT DAY.
WE WERE SPLIT UP DURING THE SWATBOT ATTACK AND WE NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN... UNTIL NOW.
I KNOW I SHOULD'VE WAITED UNTIL SALLY GOT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TOGETHER BUT I COULDN'T WAIT.
I JUST HAD TO COME ASAP.
I HAD TO COME AND SAVE TOMMY...
...ESPECIALLY AFTER ALL THE BULLYING I DID TO HIM AS A KID.
'CAUSE OF HIM, I ALWAYS TOOK CARE OF THOSE WEAKER THAN ME INSTEAD OF PICKING ON THEM.
HE MADE ME REALIZE WHAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP WAS.
SPEAKING OF FRIENDS AM I GONNA HEAR IT FROM SALLY WHEN I GET BACK!
WAIT, I HEAR VOICES--
--I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
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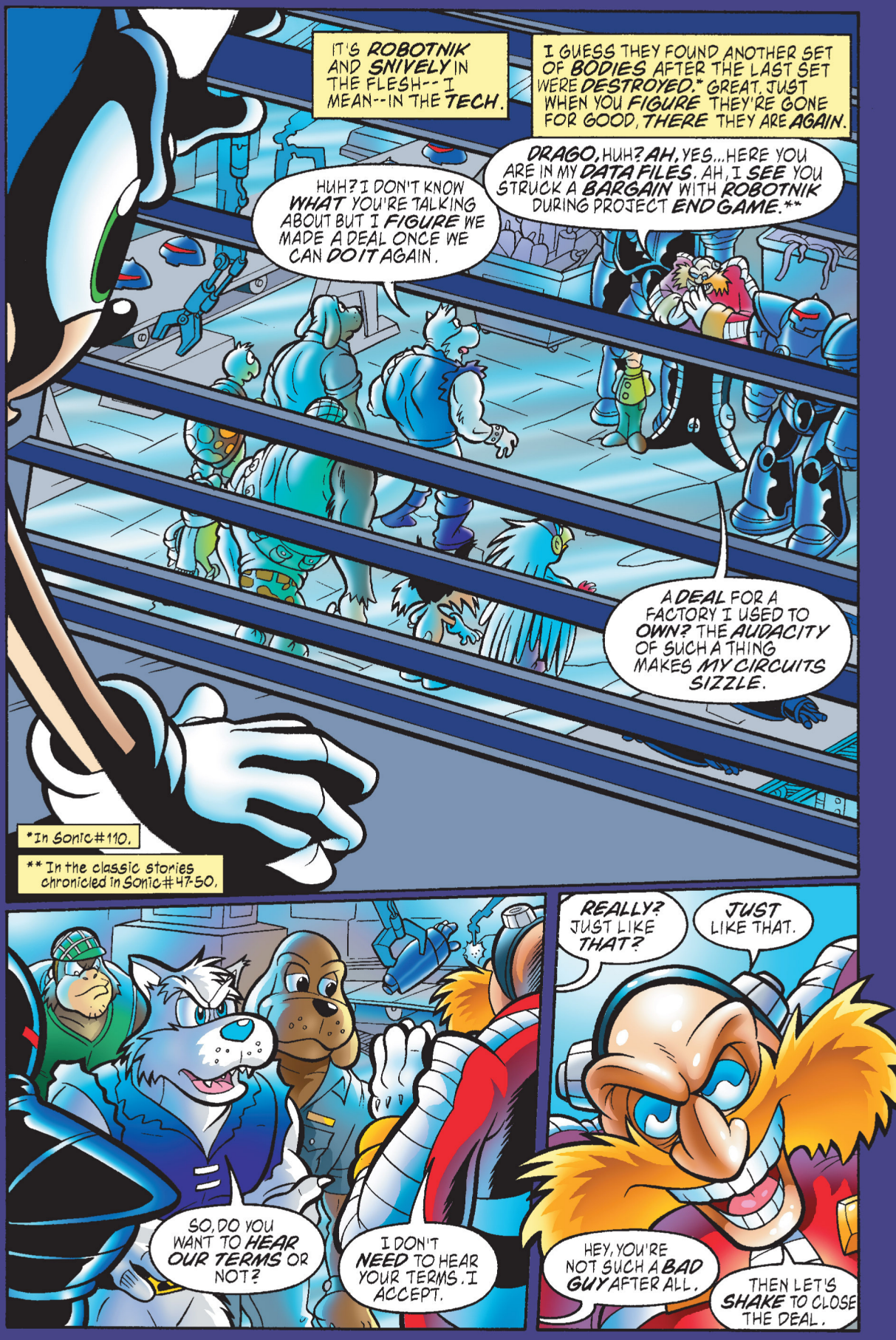
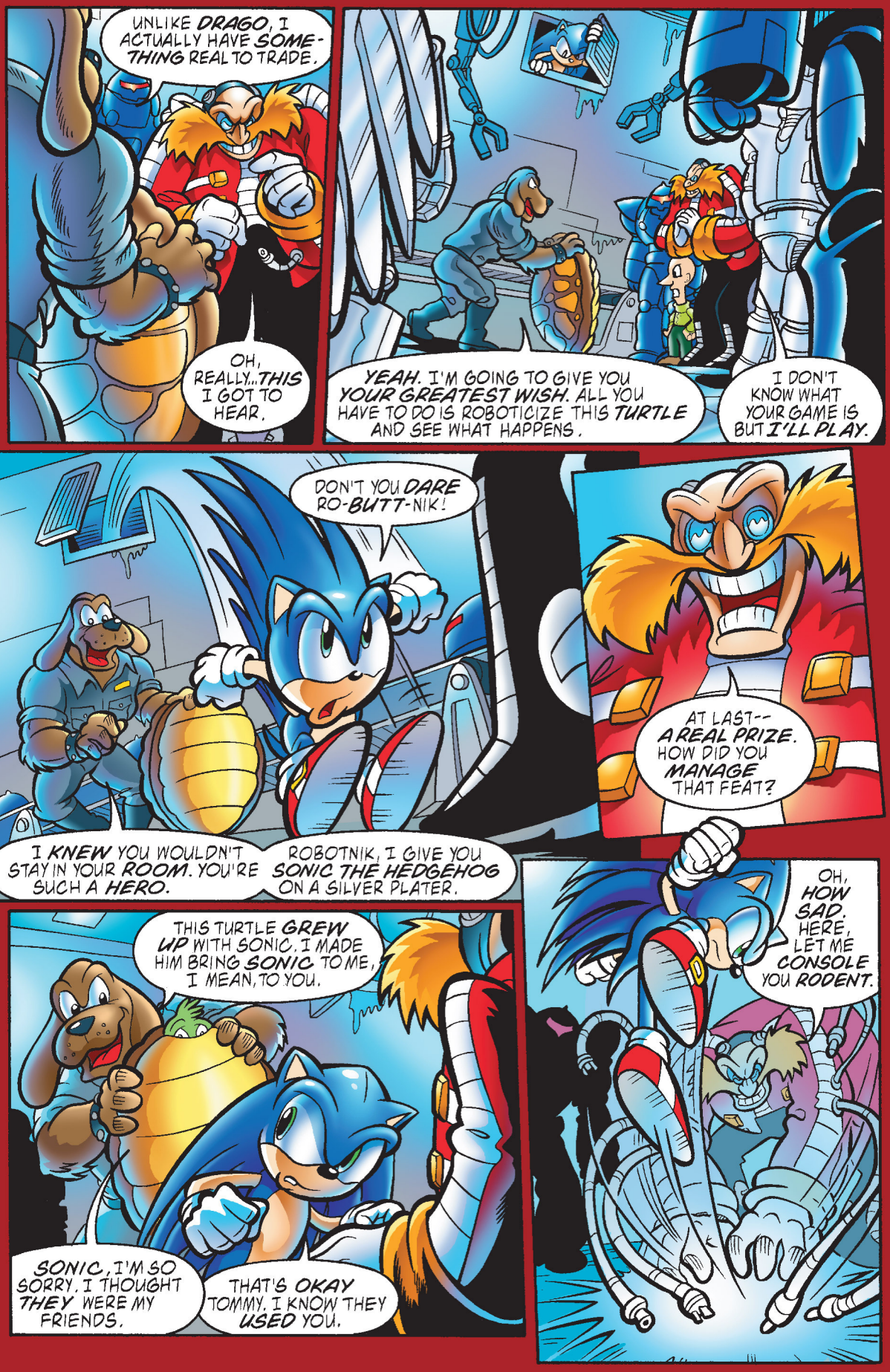
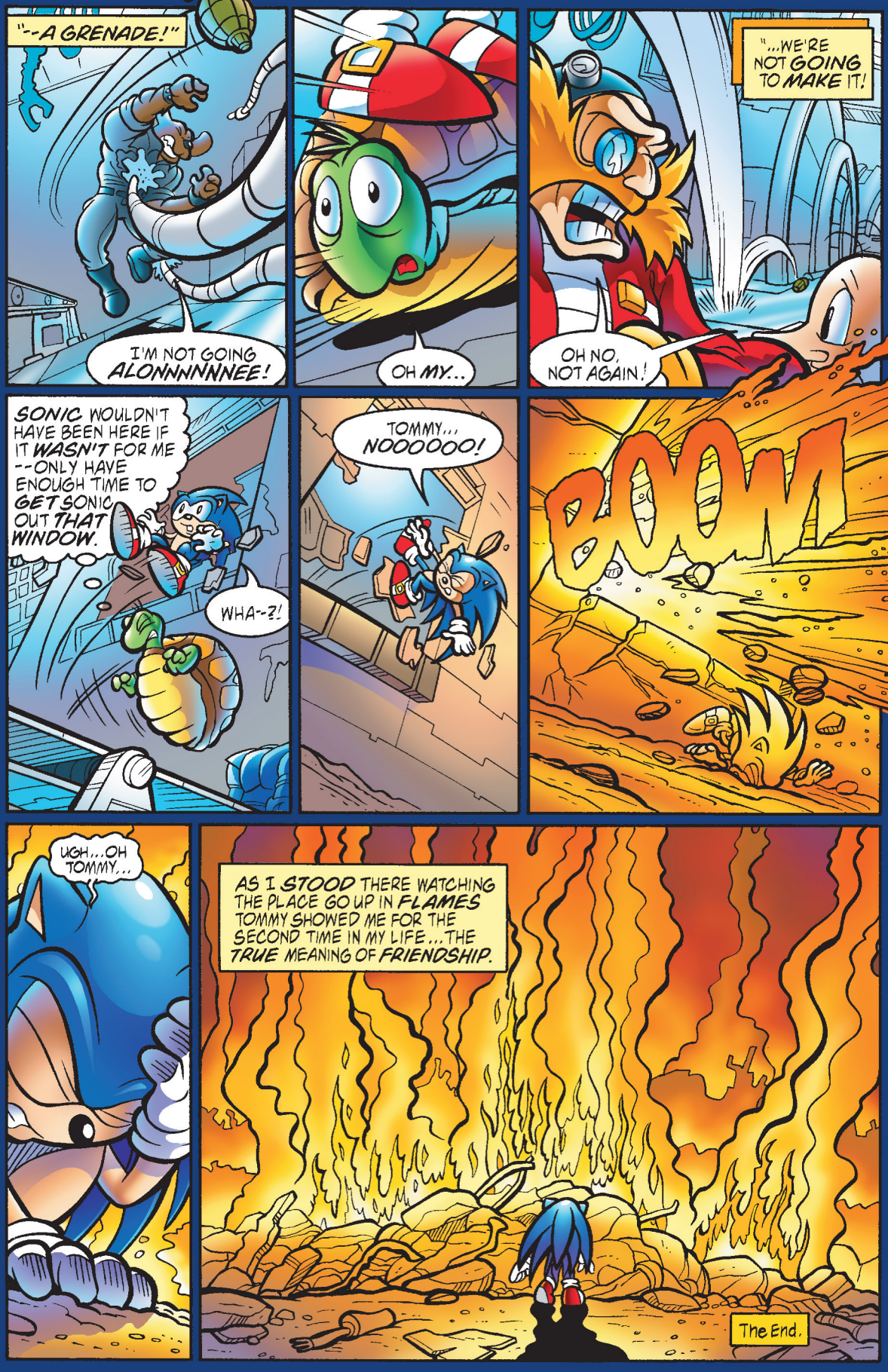

IT'S ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY IN THE FLESH--I MEAN--IN THE TECH.
I GUESS THEY FOUND ANOTHER SET OF BODIES AFTER THE LAST SET WERE DESTROYED.* GREAT. JUST WHEN YOU FIGURE THEY'RE GONE FOR GOOD, THERE THEY ARE AGAIN.
DRAGO, HUH? AH, YES...HERE YOU ARE IN MY DATA FILES. AH, I SEE YOU STRUCK A BARGAIN WITH ROBOTNIK DURING PROJECT END GAME.**
HUH? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT I FIGURE WE MADE A DEAL ONCE WE CAN DO IT AGAIN.
A DEAL FOR A FACTORY I USED TO OWN? THE AUDACITY OF SUCH A THING MAKES MY CIRCUITS SIZZLE.
*In Sonic #110.
** In the classic stories chronicled in Sonic #47-50.
SO, DO YOU WANT TO HEAR OUR TERMS OR NOT?
I DON'T NEED TO HEAR YOUR TERMS. I ACCEPT.
REALLY? JUST LIKE THAT?
JUST LIKE THAT.
HEY, YOU'RE NOT SUCH A BAD GUY AFTER ALL.
THEN LET'S SHAKE TO CLOSE THE DEAL.

IN FACT, WHEN PEOPLE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD I USED TO TELL THEM THAT YOU WERE TOO SMART TO GO LIKE THAT. THOUGH I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU ESCAPED YOUR DEATH.
I DIDN'T. I'M A ROBOTICIZED VERSION OF MYSELF--
--AS ARE YOU NOW!
WHAT?
NO.
I EXIST TO SERVE ROBOTNIK.
DON'T WORRY, DRAGO. I WOULDN'T DREAM OF LETTING YOU SERVE ME ALONE.
RIGHT, FELLAS?
NOOOOO...
ARRGGHHH!
AND NOW YOU.
HOLD IT, ROBO-MASTER.


UNLIKE DRAGO, I ACTUALLY HAVE SOMETHING REAL TO TRADE.
OH, REALLY... THIS I GOT TO HEAR.
YEAH. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU YOUR GREATEST WISH. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ROBOTICIZE THIS TURTLE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS BUT I'LL PLAY.
DON'T YOU DARE RO-BUTT-NIK!
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T STAY IN YOUR ROOM. YOU'RE SUCH A HERO.
ROBOTNIK, I GIVE YOU SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ON A SILVER PLATER.
AT LAST-- A REAL PRIZE. HOW DID YOU MANAGE THAT FEAT?
THIS TURTLE GREW UP WITH SONIC, I MADE HIM BRING SONIC TO ME, I MEAN, TO YOU.
SONIC, I'M SO SORRY. I THOUGHT THEY WERE MY FRIENDS.
THAT'S OKAY TOMMY. I KNOW THEY USED YOU.
OH, HOW SAD. HERE, LET ME CONSOLE YOU RODENT.

I DON'T THINK SO, EGGMAN. NOT EVEN YOUR LITTLE PLUGS CAN MATCH THE SPEED OF MY BEAT FEET.
ARRGGGHHH! COME BACK HERE!
DON'T MIND IF I BORROW THIS? COOL, THANKS!
WHAT THE?
I ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THIS SINCE WE FIRST MET, NOW'S THE TIME TO--
--GRIND, BABY!
GO FOR IT, SONIC
HE'S GETTING AWAY, YOU NITWITS. GO OUTSIDE AND CATCH THAT RODENT!
AS FOR YOU, WHAT CAN I SAY? IF I CAN'T ROBOTICIZE ONE...
...THEN I'LL HAVE TO ROBOT-ICIZE THE OTHER.
IF I GOTTA GO--
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT, TOMMY!
WHAT'S DAWG PULLING OUT OF HIS SHIRT--


"--A GRENADE!"
I'M NOT GOING ALONNNNNNEE!
OH MY...
"...WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!
OH NO, NOT AGAIN!
SONIC WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HERE IF IT WASN'T FOR ME --ONLY HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO GET SONIC OUT THAT WINDOW.
WHA--?!
TOMMY... NOOOOOO!
BOOM
UGH...OH TOMMY...
AS I STOOD THERE WATCHING THE PLACE GO UP IN FLAMES TOMMY SHOWED ME FOR THE SECOND TIME IN MY LIFE...THE TRUE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP.
The End.

MAMMOTH MOGUL HAS KIDNAPPED DIMITRI AND IS NOW USING HIM TO LURE KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA INTO A TRAP.
AT THIS POINT, OUR EMBATTLED ECHIDNA REPONDS TO A CALL FROM CONSTABLE REMINGTON, WHOM HE FINDS AT ECHIDNAOPOLIS GENERAL...
GUARDIAN! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!
AND I SEE YOU BROUGHT THE CHAOTIX IN TOW!
WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR, Y'KNOW?
SO WHAT GIVES? DOES IT INVOLVE DIMITRI?

ULTIMATE POWER
PART THREE

IF YOU'RE A NEWCOMER WONDERING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT --

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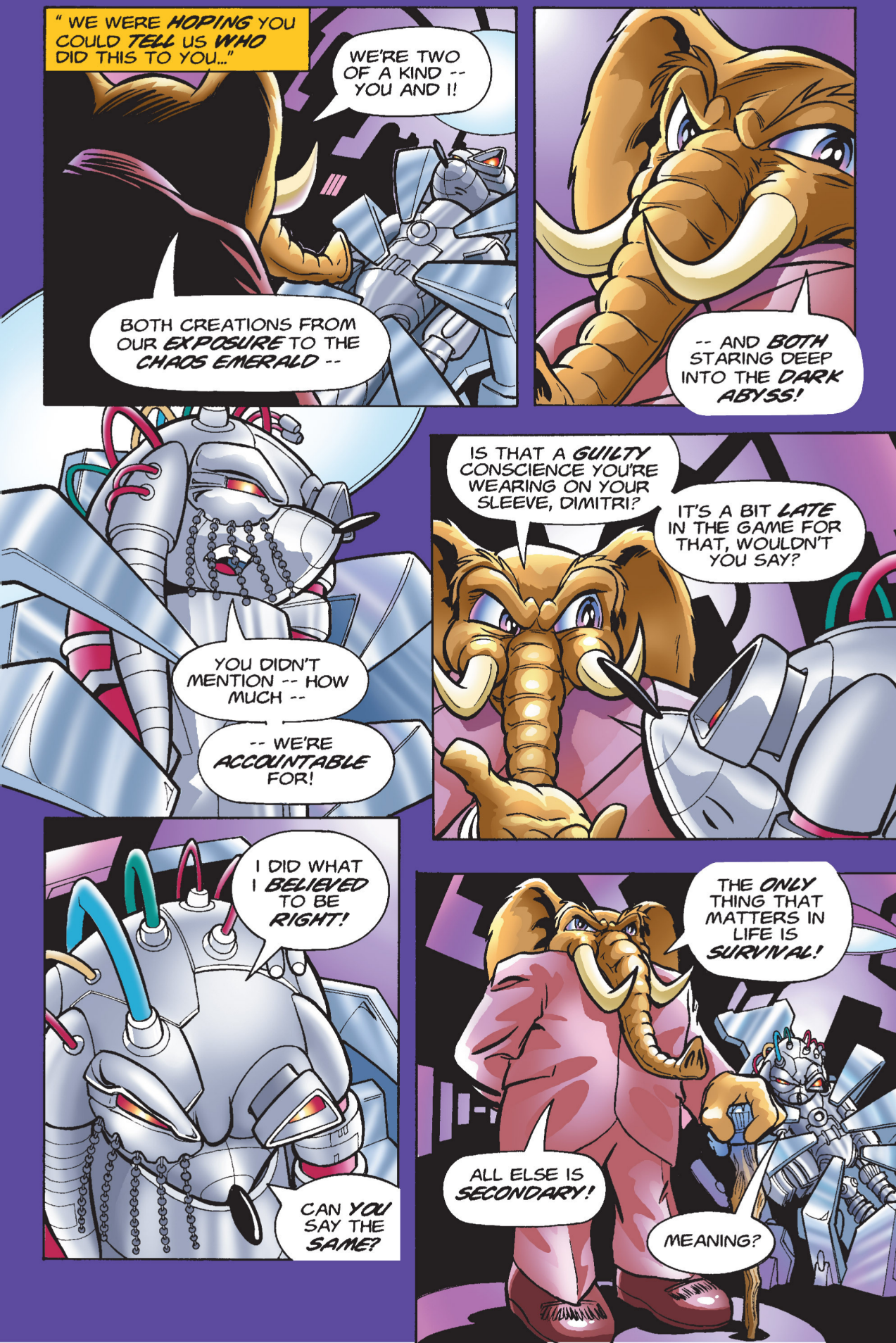
-- WILL SOON HAVE YOU UP TO SPEED ON EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA AND HIS FRIENDS!

MY PEOPLE DISCOVERED A CAB DRIVER LEFT VERY SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED NEAR THE HOSPITAL!
IT'S MORE THAN LIKELY HE KNOWS SOMETHING!
HOW SERIOUS IS HE?

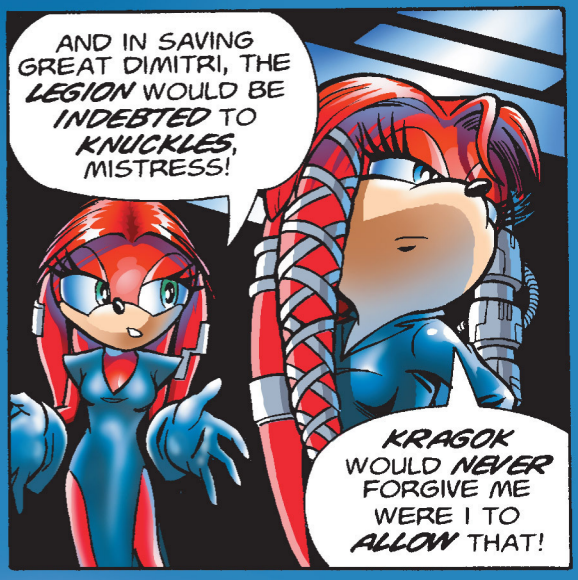
YOU FELLERS SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO SNEAK UP ON A BLOKE!
SOMEONE COULD'VE GOTTEN HURT -- OR WORSE!
HE WAS THE CABBIE WE MET DURING THE EBONY HARE AFFAIR!*
* ACTUALLY IT WAS THE CHAOTIX CAPER, AS CHRONICLED IN KNUCKLES #13 THROUGH 15 - JUSTIN.
YOU MADE YOUR POINT!
HE MAY HAVE A HARD SHELL, KNUX --
-- BUT HARRY'S REALLY A GOOD EGG!
SOUNDS LIKE MY KIND'A GUY!
MAYBE I CAN IMPROVE HIS ODDS!
EVEN IF HE SAVES HARRY --
-- I STILL WISH KNUX WAS HIS OLD SELF, MIGHTY!
OOOH -- MY FREAKIN' NOGGIN!
ANYONE GET THE NUMBER OF THE TRUCK WHAT RUN OVER ME?


" WE WERE HOPING YOU COULD TELL US WHO DID THIS TO YOU..."
WE'RE TWO OF A KIND -- YOU AND I!
BOTH CREATIONS FROM OUR EXPOSURE TO THE CHAOS EMERALD --
-- AND BOTH STARING DEEP INTO THE DARK ABYSS!
YOU DIDN'T MENTION -- HOW MUCH --
-- WE'RE ACCOUNTABLE FOR!
IS THAT A GUILTY CONSCIENCE YOU'RE WEARING ON YOUR SLEEVE, DIMITRI?
IT'S A BIT LATE IN THE GAME FOR THAT, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
I DID WHAT I BELIEVED TO BE RIGHT!
CAN YOU SAY THE SAME?
THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IN LIFE IS SURVIVAL!
ALL ELSE IS SECONDARY!
MEANING?

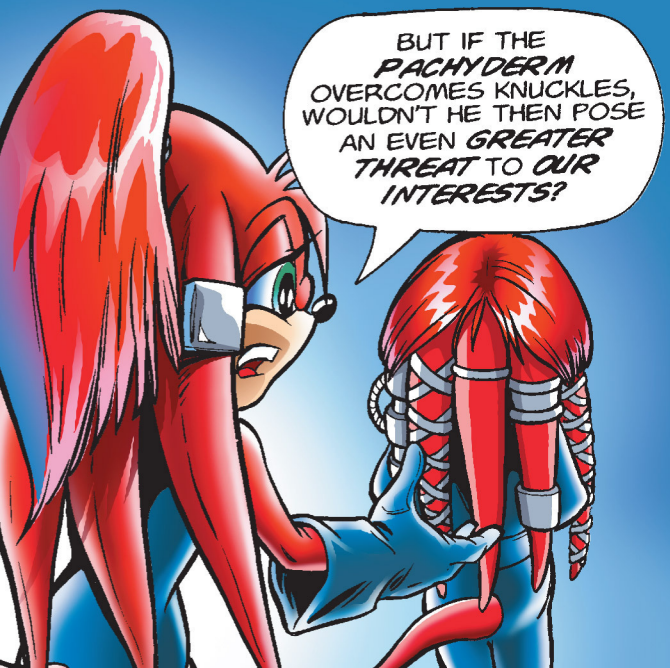
"I HAVEN'T SURVIVED AS LONG AS I HAVE ONLY TO BE THWARTED BY AN ECHIDNA TEENAGER, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL HE MAY BE..."
-- AND THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YA, GUV'NOR!
YOU DID GOOD, HARRY!
NOW GET SOME REST!
WE NEEDED THE CABBIE TO TELL US BIG TUSKS IS SETTING A TRAP?!
THAT MUCH WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE GET-GO!
SINCE MAMMOTH MOGUL WANTS THE GUARDIAN, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER IF MY FORCE LED THE COUNTERATTACK!
NOTHING DOING, CONSTABLE!
HE OWES ME BIG TIME!
ME TOO, SPORT!
LONGSNOUT SURE STIFFED ME A PIECE OF CHANGE!
YEAH, WELL, HE'S ABOUT TO LEARN IT'S PAYBACK TIME!
WAIT!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR BUDS?

KOMMISSAR!
KNUCKLES HAS VANISHED!

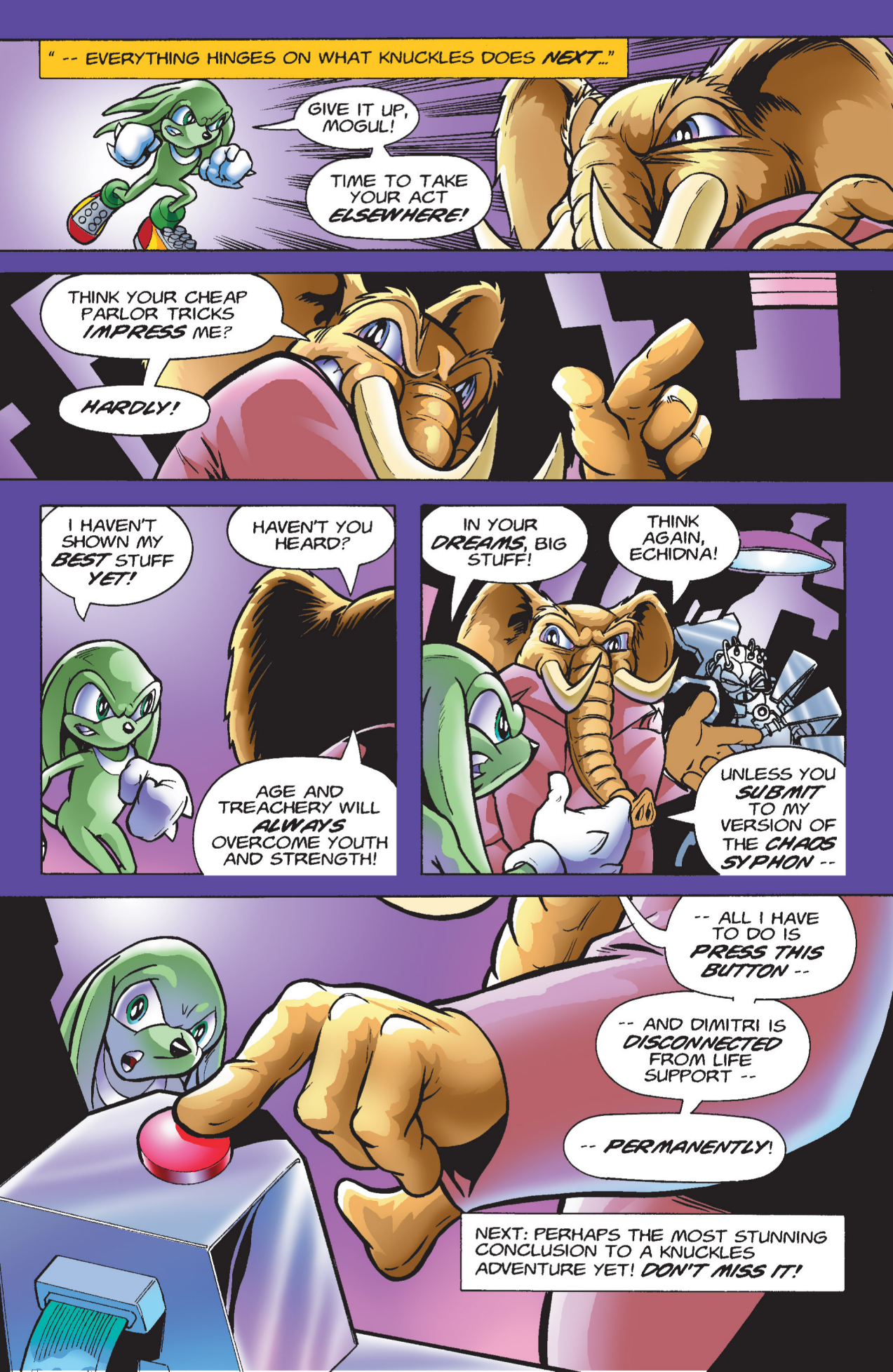
APPARENTLY, MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER KNEW WHEREOF HE SPOKE!
AS HE PREDICTED, THE GUARDIAN IS CHARGING TO THE RESCUE!


AND IN SAVING GREAT DIMITRI, THE LEGION WOULD BE INDEBTED TO KNUCKLES, MISTRESS!
KRAGOK WOULD NEVER FORGIVE ME WERE I TO ALLOW THAT!

FOR ONCE, I AM BESIDE MYSELF!
KNUCKLES POSSESSES THE POWER, BUT I HAVE PROMISED DIMITRI NOT TO ACT AGAINST HIM!


BUT IF THE PACHYDERM OVERCOMES KNUCKLES, WOULDN'T HE THEN POSE AN EVEN GREATER THREAT TO OUR INTERESTS?

INDEED!
WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION AT THAT POINT!
FOR THE MOMENT --


" -- EVERYTHING HINGES ON WHAT KNUCKLES DOES NEXT..."
GIVE IT UP, MOGUL!
TIME TO TAKE YOUR ACT ELSEWHERE!
THINK YOUR CHEAP PARLOR TRICKS IMPRESS ME?
HARDLY!
I HAVEN'T SHOWN MY BEST STUFF YET!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
AGE AND TREACHERY WILL ALWAYS OVERCOME YOUTH AND STRENGTH!
IN YOUR DREAMS, BIG STUFF!
THINK AGAIN, ECHIDNA!
UNLESS YOU SUBMIT TO MY VERSION OF THE CHAOS SYPHON --
-- ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PRESS THIS BUTTON --
-- AND DIMITRI IS DISCONNECTED FROM LIFE SUPPORT --
-- PERMANENTLY!
NEXT: PERHAPS THE MOST STUNNING CONCLUSION TO A KNUCKLES ADVENTURE YET! DON'T MISS IT!